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In Re Application of
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For: ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE WITH FULL
PLATFORM STYLE FOOTREST
AND FOOT SHIFTED MANUAL
TRANSMISSION

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RESPONSE

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed 7 December 1999 in
the above-identified application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An all terrain vehicle comprising;
- 5 a chassis carrying a straddle type seat which is adapted [sufficiently narrow] to
be straddled by a rider;
- a pair of rear wheels mounted to the chassis;
- a laterally extending footrest on one side of the chassis; and
- an engine carried by the chassis and connected to a manual transmission which
- 10 in turn is connected to a drive train supplying motive power to at least some of the
wheels, the transmission including a foot-operable shift lever located on one side of the
chassis adjacent the footrest for shifting the transmission among a plurality of forward
gears;
- the footrest having generally horizontal heel and toe portions, the shift lever
- 15 being positioned above the toe portion of the footrest, and the toe portion being
positioned lower than the heel portion, permitting a rider to depress the shift lever to a
position lower than the heel portion of the footrest yet insert at least a portion of a foot